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July 1, 2009

The Honorable Kay Katz, Chair
House Health and Welfare Committee
State Capital
P.O. Box 44486
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Representative Katz:

In response to House Concurrent Resolution No. 142 (HCR 142) of the 2009 Regular Session, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) submits the enclosed report. The resolution directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit written quarterly reports regarding costs and other pertinent data for the New Opportunities Waiver, the Elderly and Disabled Adult Waiver, and the Long-Term Personal Care Services Program.

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, the Office of Aging and Adult Services, and the Bureau of Health Services Financing within DHH are available to discuss the enclosed report and recommendations with you and the members of the House Health and Welfare Committee. Please contact me at (225) 342-6726 with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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Charles Castille
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The Honorable Willie Mount, Chair
Senate Health and Welfare Committee
State Capital
P.O. Box 94183
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Senator Mount:

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The Honorable Michael J. "Mike" Michot, Chair
Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
State Capital
P.O. Box 44294
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

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State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Management and Finance

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Committee on Health and Welfare
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

FROM: Charles Castille
Undersecretary, DHH

SUBJECT: HCR 142 – July 1, 2009 Report

DATE: June 30, 2009

As directed in HCR 142 the following response is provided by the Department of Health and Hospitals. The next report will be submitted October 1, 2009.

HCR 142- Reporting 2009 July

- 1) The number of recipients served in the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program (LT-PCS), the Elderly & Disabled Adults Waiver (EDA), and the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW), and the average annual cost per recipient served in each program.
 - a. Number of Recipientsⁱ
 - i. EDA: 3,856
 - ii. LT-PCS (without EDA): 8,792
 - iii. NOW 6,308
 - b. Average Annual Care Plan Approved Cost
 - i. EDA: \$37,752ⁱⁱ
 - ii. LT-PCS (without EDA): \$21,035ⁱⁱⁱ
 - iii. NOW: \$71,061

- 2) The number of recipients in each program whose annual cost of service exceeds the average cost for that program.
 - a. EDA: 1,799 (52%)
 - b. LT-PCS (without EDA): 2,527 (48%)
 - c. NOW: 2,281 (36%)
- 3) The number of recipients in each program whose annual service costs have increased from the previous year.
 - a. No baseline established currently. DHH will begin tracking July 1st, 2009
- 4) The number of persons on the waiting lists for each program.^{iv}
 - a. EDA: 11,246
 - b. NOW: 9,004
- 5) The number of persons on waiting lists who are currently receiving services and the type of service they are receiving.
 - a. EDA
 - i. 3,389 LT-PCS
 - ii. 351 ADHC waiver
 - iii. 47 NOW waiver
 - iv. 73 Supports waiver
 - b. NOW
 - i. 429 LT-PCS
 - ii. 23 ADHC waiver
 - iii. 142 EDA waiver
 - iv. 1,149 Supports waiver
 - v. 781 Support coordination through a non-waiver service (EPSDT, Ventilator Assistance, First time mothers)
- 6) The number of persons moved from an existing service to the New Opportunities Waiver and the additional cost or savings for each program.
 - a. No baseline established currently. DHH will begin tracking July 1st, 2009.

- 7) The average cost of persons receiving services from both the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program and the Elderly & Disabled Adults Waiver Program.
- a. \$38,293^v
- 8) The average cost for persons receiving services in privately operated nursing facilities and privately operated Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.
- a. Nursing Facility Cost: \$31,782^{vi}
- b. ICF-DD Cost: \$59,203^{vii}

ⁱ The number of recipients is calculated as the number of individuals with approved care plans as of Jun 30, 2009

ⁱⁱ Based on 3,465 annual EDA care plans – includes LT-PCS services, if applicable

ⁱⁱⁱ Based on 5,264 annual LT-PCS (without EDA) care plans

^{iv} Unduplicated count within each list, as of March 31, 2009

^v Based on 3,411 annual EDA care plans – only those with LT-PCS services

^{vi} Based on the SFY-0708 372 report MW-S-71-A(S)

^{vii} Based on daily rate for private ICF's, including patient liability

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE NOWLIN AND SENATOR THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services new waiver or state plan options for a sustainable system of home- and community-based services, to continue to implement approved cost control mechanisms for the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program, the Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver, and the New Opportunities Waiver, and to provide quarterly progress reports to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program in Louisiana currently spends in excess of one billion six hundred million dollars annually on a variety of programs to address the long-term care needs of our citizens who are elderly or have severely disabling conditions. These expenditures constitute in excess of thirty-eight percent of all Medicaid costs for health care services; and

WHEREAS, expenditures on Medicaid long-term care supports and services account for sixty-three percent of total growth in Medicaid spending over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, despite the substantial financial commitment that the Legislature of Louisiana has made to the provision of long-term care services, many Louisiana residents are still required to wait for years to receive the services they need; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Hospitals has proposed and the legislature has approved a number of proposals to provide for cost control mechanisms in the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program, the Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver, and the New Opportunities Waiver.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services an array of new waiver or state plan options for a

sustainable system of home- and community-based services that are quality-driven, promote cost-effective delivery of services, and maintain and support, rather than replace, informal care. The goal of these new service options shall be to serve the greatest number of eligible individuals whose institutionalization may be delayed or avoided within available resources and to do so while maintaining good quality of life and health outcomes for recipients of these services. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall present for approval any new waiver or state plan option to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Health and Welfare, meeting jointly, before submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to prepare and submit a written report on July 1, 2009, October 1, 2009, January 1, 2010, and April 1, 2010, to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to present the reports to the committees upon request of their committee chairpersons. Each report shall include:

(1) The number of recipients served in the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program, the Elderly and Disabled Adults Waiver, and the New Opportunities Waiver, and the average annual cost per recipient served in each program.

(2) The number of recipients in each program whose annual cost of service exceeds the average cost for that program.

(3) The number of recipients in each program whose annual service costs have increased from the previous year.

(4) The number of persons on waiting lists for each program.

(5) The number of persons on waiting lists who are currently receiving services and the type of services they are receiving.

(6) The number of persons moved from an existing service to the New Opportunities Waiver and the additional cost or savings for each person.

(7) The average cost of persons receiving services from both the Long Term/Personal Care Services Program and the Elderly Adults Waiver Program.

(8) The average cost for persons receiving services in privately operated nursing facilities and privately operated Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.

(9) Other pertinent data as requested by the committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE